

BRYAN AND HILL
FAILED TO MEET

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but Each Was Firm with
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CANNOT GET TOGETHER
ON PLATFORM IDEAS.

Twice-Defeated Candidate In-
sists on Reaffirmation of Kan-
sas City Planks, but ex-Sen-
ator Cannot See It.

The real significance of William Jen-
nings Bryan and David B. Hill being
at the Hoffman House last night was
revealed to-day when Norman E. Mack,
Democratic State Committee chairman
and leader of the Bryan campaign, ad-
mitted that he had made an effort to get the two men
together, but had failed. Mr. Mack in-
duced Mr. Bryan to come to New York
from New Haven yesterday and stay
over until noon to-day, when he goes to
Chicago, and it was Mack who induced
him to put up at the Hoffman House,
where Mr. Hill was already a guest.

Last night and again early to-day Mr.
Mack flitted back and forth between
Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hill endeavoring
to arrange some neutral ground on
which they could meet. He failed, be-
cause Mr. Bryan stands first, last and
all the time for a reaffirmation of the
Kansas City platform, and will not con-
sider the slightest deviation from it.
Firmer than any other point he stands
on the silver plank, and on this he and
Mr. Hill split. There is no chance of
their meeting during this visit, for each
man is determined to hold his position.

After breakfasting with Mr. Bryan
and seeing Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack said to
an Evening World reporter:
"I can see no sign of peace between
Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hill. Mr. Bryan in-
sists upon a silver plank; Mr. Hill will
not have one if he can help it. I have
seen Mr. Hill several times and have
tried to bring the two men together,
but have failed. I wish I had been suc-
cessful, for it was my duty to the party
to restore harmony between two
leaders. I find that Mr. Bryan does not
insist on making any compromise on
the silver plank. He is willing to re-
legate to the background of such issues
as the tariff, the tariff and imperialism,
but he insists that it shall be there if
only in a minor capacity. Mr. Hill
doesn't want it on any ground. Both
men are steadfast and there you are."

Mr. Bryan gave an Evening World
reporter a statement of his position
after he had had breakfast with Mr.
Mack. While he was talking Mr. Mack
was up in Mr. Hill's room, trying to
arrange a meeting between the two
men.

Mr. Bryan made a lot of Democrats
who listened to him a little weary by
stating that he believed the St. Louis
convention would read the Kansas
City platform in every detail. For him-
self, he said, he meant to fight for re-
affirmation of the platform. Mr. Bryan
tried to make light of the story that he
had come over to New York on the
chance that a meeting might be ar-
ranged between him and Mr. Hill. He
said he had been told that Mr. Hill
was in a city but who else in it he
did not know. He said he was in a
country and did not know where he was.

"I see that folks are trying to attach
some political significance to this meet-
ing," he said. "There is none. There is
nothing in this. There is nothing in
this. I am going to Chicago to-day,
and I am going to Chicago to-day. I
just came over from New Haven and
put up at the Hoffman House because
Norman E. Mack, hearing I was coming,
asked me to stop here with him."

Mr. Bryan was asked about the Park-
land Cleveland, and other booms. He
said:
"I haven't given much thought to
booms. I have other things to think of.
Of Mr. Cleveland's standing in the
country as a Presidential candidate, I
know nothing. When I was in the
South he never occurred to me that he
might be in the field, therefore I did
not observe the feeling of the people
toward him."

"More than anything I am interested
just now in the platform to be adopted
by the St. Louis Convention. The thing
has narrowed down to a fight between
certain newspapers and the people, but
the newspapers will find that it is the
people who have the power. One of the
I want to say that there is no question
in my mind that the convention
will reaffirm the platform from end
to end and will nail down every plank
so hard and tight that the opposing
forces will not be able to rip them up."

"I think the Platform Committee will
adhere to the platform, but I don't know
and the Kansas City platform reaf-
firmed. These newspapers which are
opposed to the Kansas City platform, be-
cause they haven't a substitute to offer."

"Now, boys, get together and give
me a substitute for the Kansas City
platform, and I will give you a sub-
stitute for it. Well, every time so far I've
heard come back to me that they
get mixed up in a fight every
time they try to advance a substitute."

"I'm going back to the farm and take
a rest. Then I'm going to start out and
lecture again. Meanwhile I'll keep my
eye on the situation. It's going to get
warmer and warmer."

Mr. Bryan left the Hoffman House a
little later in the afternoon and got on
a Broadway car. He said he had some
private business to transact but he
went straight to the City Hall, where
he called on Mayor McClellan. He was
not expected, but the Mayor ordered
him ushered into his office at once. The
greeting between the two men was very
cordial, and they had a long chat across
the Mayor's big mahogany desk.

As he left the Mayor's office Mr.
Bryan was asked what he meant to
do in the convention. He said he meant
to support the platform.

The conversation changed to Mr.
Bryan's admiration for newspaper re-
porters. He said he always liked them
when talking to them. He modestly
declared he had never been a reporter,
but he had been a newspaper editor. He
said he had been a newspaper editor
enough to make a successful reporter.
"Can you imagine what would happen
to Grover Cleveland if he were nomi-
nated again for the Presidency?" he
was asked.

Instantly Mr. Bryan sobered. His
face showed that a tender spot had
been touched.

"I will tell you if you promise not to
let me out and not to let me in a
brick house and brick houses are par-
ticularly dangerous in times of earth-
quakes. And earthquakes are not
good for people in brick houses. Now
don't let that go out because I don't
want any earthquakes."

ODELL WILL FLAY
PLATT TO-MORROW

Senator Has Given In and Says
Any Date Odell Sees Fit Will
Be Set for the State Con-
vention.

Any additional evidence necessary to
convince the Republicans that Gov.
Odell and not Senator Platt is the boss
of the State machine will be given to-
morrow when the State Committee
meets at the State Capitol. The date will be set
in accordance with the wishes of the
Governor and President Roosevelt for
the week of April 5 to 12.

The Governor and Senator Platt are
both in the city. They are both at the
Fifth Avenue Hotel, and the pair have
not yet met. About the Governor are
the men who carry counties and con-
trol the districts they represent, while
the Senator anxious to be considered
in the saddle is neglected by all save
a few of the leaders who are with him.
Gov. Odell said this morning that he
would stay in town until Monday, but
that he did not know whether he would
attend the State Committee meeting or
not. The business of the State Com-
mittee, he said, would consist of fixing
the time and place for the convention
and adopting resolutions endorsing Pres-
ident Roosevelt's administration. The

meeting ought to last about fifteen min-
utes, he said. The Governor declined to
discuss the story that he is trying to
force State Committee member George H.
Sheldon to resign.

The Senator is Harmonious.
Until last night Senator Platt had
insisted that the State Convention would
not be held earlier than the last week
in April. Then he changed front and
said:

"It doesn't make any difference when
it is held. If Gov. Odell wants it held
earlier, why two or three weeks will
make no difference." The Senator added
that all was harmony in the Republican
ranks.

The fact is that the Senator and his
friends, after a count of noses, have
decided that the Governor controls the
State machine and have come to the
conclusion it is no use to oppose him
now. They hope that by the time the
election of delegates to the State Con-
vention is held they may be in a position
to control a majority of the delegates.
This the Odell men say the Senator
and Col. Dunn, Chairman of the State
Committee, will be mistaken, and that
after the convention there will be more
harmony than there is now, but it will
be all Odell harmony.

Will Force Out Platt Men.
At the meeting of the State Con-
vention held in April the delegates elected
to the National Convention will be in-
structed for President Roosevelt, and
Gov. Odell will name a new Chairman
of the State Committee to succeed Col.
Dunn. In addition to this the friends
of Mr. Platt will be left off the new
committee, except where they are too
strong to be forced off and have suc-
ceeded in carrying their districts.

The Governor's friends say the first
spanking for Mr. Platt will be at to-
morrow's meeting of the State Com-
mittee, when the Governor will fix the
date of the State Convention, and the
next will be at the State Convention,
when Col. Dunn is retired as State
Chairman and the other Platt members
are made to resign the plank. Harmony
according to the Odell idea, will then
be complete.

White figured madras Waists,
all sizes, with fancy stock col-
lar, tucked front, worth \$1.25;
SATURDAY, FROM 8
TO 1 ONLY. .45
None C. O. D. Limit 2.

Dress Skirts
At Prices that Mean Savings.

They're mostly blacks, but
they are of all-wool chevrons,
some unlined and some lined.
Plain and fancy trimmed skirts are
in the lot. All are fine styles and come
with strap waists. These aren't skirts in
the lot that wouldn't ordinarily sell
for from \$7.50 to \$10. Satur-
day at the special price. .49

Here's a selected lot of street
skirts, of all wool mixtures,
self-strapping over hips, five
per cent of stitching at bottom of skirt,
fancy button trimmings. They sell
regularly at \$4 each. Saturday,
your choice. .198

\$2 Waists, 98c.

Sample waists—one of the
choicest gatherings we've had.
They are of white madras, in
damask patterns, trimmed with large
pearl buttons. We've bunched with
them some black mercerized and black
and white dot mercerized waists. Every
size in the lot. They were made to
retail for \$2. Saturday at the
special price. .98c

Glorious News of
Boys' Clothing.

Saturday we give our cloth-
ing heavy-weights another taste
of the reduction knife—not
that they deserve it, but the Spring
shipments are due, and our facilities are
inadequate to handle the big stock-
ing of the season. See the three specials that
Saturday has in store for you:

Long Pants Suits for young men
of ages 14 to 20, beautiful mix-
tures and blue and white checks, in
the latest fashion; special
values. .98c, 98c and 75c
Two-Piece Suits, with short
trousers, for ages 12 to 16, an im-
mense variety of thousands of
suits of all colors and descrip-
tions; best value in the city. 2.98
Russian Suits, Suits, Suits, Suits,
Boys' Suits, Suits, Suits, Suits,
Norfolk Suits, a large and attractive
stock for all ages.

Looking for Spring Tops and
Ties for the boys? Come to-
morrow, excellent chance in
Covert Coats, all ages. 2.98, 3.98

Our Two-Piece Double-Breasted
and Serge Suits, better
than any in the city. 3.98
Three-Piece Serge Suits, also
pretty spring mixtures, for ages
12 to 16, special values. 3.50
Two-Piece Serge Suits, coat
made double breasted, trousers
lined, in all colors and descrip-
tions; at any time at \$4.00. .350

\$4 Table Chair, \$2.50

Table Car-
riage Chair,
golden oak;
can be used
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Monogram Whiskey, .49c.

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